

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET**

## **Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

*This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Third Plymouth Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.*

### **Residents of Third Plymouth Representative District**

#### **Treatment Admissions**

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (505) of these admissions reside in the Third Plymouth Representative District. 3.7% (19) of admissions from the Third Plymouth Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Third Plymouth Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 69% were male and 31% were female.
- 49% were between the ages of 30-49.
- 96% were white non-Latino, 1% were black non-Latino, 1% were Latino, and 2% were other racial categories.
- 58% were never married, 21% were married, and 21% reported not to be married now.
- 16% had less than high school education, 46% completed high school, and 38% had more than high school education.
- 37% were employed.
- 9% were homeless.
- 32% had prior mental health treatment.

#### **Primary Substance of Use**

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Third Plymouth Representative District.

<b>Table 1</b>					
<b>Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003</b>					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	62%	23%	4%	3%	2%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	34%

#### **Substances Used in Past Year**

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

<b>Table 2</b>							
<b>Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2003</b>							
<b>Third Plymouth Representative District</b>							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
<b>FY '95</b>	442	361	130	101	46	122	91
<b>FY '96</b>	360	300	103	79	44	98	62
<b>FY '97</b>	391	333	111	90	41	84	52
<b>FY '98</b>	524	453	164	133	73	120	113
<b>FY '99</b>	513	445	145	106	59	129	103
<b>FY '00</b>	511	420	127	126	66	134	97
<b>FY '01</b>	505	395	106	106	50	149	119
<b>FY '02</b>	512	413	126	90	42	131	98
<b>FY '03</b>	505	396	117	90	42	140	91